



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 28, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated September 27, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of records is ongoing and has, thus far, yielded two additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in each document may be released in part.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Hair at Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Thornton, Susan A; Biers, Dan L
Subject: Fwd: CLEARED TPs on North Korea missile launch
Attachments: DPRK3JulyLaunchTPs.docx; ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" <[REDACTED]>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:22:28 PM EDT
To: "Spicer, Sean M. EOP/WHO" <[REDACTED]>, "Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO"
[REDACTED], "Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO" <[REDACTED]>, "Walters, Lindsay E.
EOP/WHO" <[REDACTED]>, "Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO"
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H"
<HookBH@state.gov>, "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov> [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], "Wachtel, Jonathan B." <WachtelJB@state.gov>, "Degory, John
A" <DegoryJA@state.gov>
Cc: DL NSC Press <[REDACTED]>, DL NSC Asia <[REDACTED]>
Subject: CLEARED TPs on North Korea missile launch

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Ready to use and feel free to share with interagency colleagues.

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] talking points for S review

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[redacted] Tad

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" [redacted]
Date: July 4, 2017 at 5:38:44 PM EDT
To: "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" <[redacted]>, "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] talking points for S review

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] talking points for S review

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Thanks, Michael. [redacted]
[redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] talking points for S review

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This is the way it looks now.

STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE REX W. TILLERSON

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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Hi Clinton,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Would you be able to share it?

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Copying NSC Spokesman Michael Anton as well.

Thanks so much, Allison

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From: Brown, Clinton S [mailto:BrownCS@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]> Rader, John N.
EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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Thank you. The Secretary's revisions will be coming back shortly, most likely through RC Hammond or Brian Hook. Thanks, Tad

-----Original Message-----

From: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Rader, John N. EOP/NSC
[REDACTED]
Cc: Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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Dear Clinton,

Please see attached the updated press points from [REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay.

All best, Allison

Allison M. Hooker
Director for Korea
National Security Council Staff

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Clinton S [mailto:BrownCS@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 4:34 PM

To: Rader, John N. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>; Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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Thanks very much. Sorry to hassle during a busy time. Just wanted to be sure we were prepared to receive and give to him immediately. Happy 4th to you all, Tad

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From: Rader, John N. EOP/NSC [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 4:31 PM

To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>

Cc: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>; Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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I am copying Allison and Matt who have them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

John

From: Brown, Clinton S [mailto:BrownCS@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 4:23 PM

To: Rader, John N. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>

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<mailto:[REDACTED]>
Subject: [REDACTED] talking points for S review

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Dear John, Happy 4th, [REDACTED]
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Thanks, Tad

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